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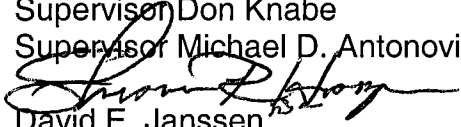
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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair
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**MOTION TO OPPOSE SENATE BILL 893 (COX) – LEGISLATION TO CHANGE
PROPOSITION 10 ALLOCATIONS TO COUNTY FIRST 5 COMMISSIONS (ITEM
NO. 69-A, AGENDA OF APRIL 10, 2007)**

Item No. 69-A on the April 10, 2007 Supplemental Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky recommending that the Board of Supervisors oppose SB 893; send a five-signature Board letter to the Governor, the Assembly Speaker, the Senate President Pro Tempore, Chair of the Senate Health Committee and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation expressing the Board's opposition to the bill; and instruct the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to oppose the bill on behalf of the County.

As introduced on February 23, 2007, SB 893 would amend voter-approved ballot initiative Proposition 10 which established the California Children and Families Program known as First 5. The California Children and Families Act requires county First 5 Commissions to provide services to improve the health and well-being of families and children in three areas: 1) child health; 2) child development; and 3) support for family functioning. Under current law, county First 5 Commissions have authority to develop initiatives and prioritize funding to meet the needs of families and children. These local initiatives include establishing pre-school programs and funding health care services.

SB 893 would de-fund county First 5 Commissions. As noted by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the First 5 Association of California, SB 893 would, "eliminate the comprehensive range of services currently funded by First 5 and integral to children's health and well-being." The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) indicates that although SB 893 would not affect the Department directly because they receive no funding from this source, the families served by DCFS and other County departments would be negatively impacted by these changes.

The author intends to amend SB 893 to eliminate the State and County First 5 Commissions and to seek voter-approval to re-prioritize the use of Proposition 10 funds as an additional match for the Federal State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). According to the author's office, this would provide approximately \$550 million annually in additional State funds to draw down Federal SCHIP monies which would be used to expand the Healthy Families Program. SB 893 will require a two-thirds vote in both the Senate and Assembly for passage.

In 1998, your Board supported Proposition 10; therefore, **opposition to SB 893 is consistent with Board-approved policy to support the California Children and Families Act as approved by the voters in November 1998.**

SB 893 is opposed by the California State Association of Counties, the First 5 Association of California, and First 5 LA. The bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Health Committee on April 24, 2007.

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